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Jaarsma Leads Workshop On Philosophy of Education

The two-year faculty study in the philosophy of education was climaxed by a three-day workshop on the campus October 20-22 with Dr. Cornelius Jaarsma, professor of education at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., as consultant. Dr. Jaarsma, a former professor of philosophy at Wheaton College, is widely known in Christian educational circles as an incisive thinker and articulate spokesman. Dr. J. Furman Miller, professor of education, served as director of the workshop. Under the guidance of a faculty committee headed by Dr. Judson Rudd, president emeritus, the entire faculty and administration have been engaged for several months in a reading and study program.

The purpose of the project was to make a study of the educational philosophy of Bryan for a two-fold purpose: 1) to make the educational philosophy in the college life in terms of the present administration and faculty, and 2) to provide valuable guidelines for the teaching faculty in the evaluation of their performance in the classroom. The problem of understanding clearly what it is a college endeavors

DAY OF PRAYER SET FOR NOV. 17

On Thursday, November 17, Bryan College will observe the first semester day of prayer on the campus. The day of prayer, held twice each year, is always a helpful part of our spiritual exercise; and this year we want to extend the activities of the day just as far as the Bryan constituency reaches. The suggestion to make it a family-wide event comes from one of the trustees. It is a splendid thought. I hope many of you will take part, wherever you are; and we hope some of you within distance will join us here on the campus.

This is how we will do it: In this article I shall give you a number of items for praise and for prayer. Then on November 17, you can join us in prayer wherever you are, in your devotions, in groups, churches, and wherever possible. We will be praying for all our friends and supporters and you can be praying for us. We will be glad to receive specific requests from you to add to our prayer list for the day. Plans are nearly completed to make this the most meaningful day in Bryan's experience for a long time.

Among the items for praise are:

- A balanced budget last fiscal year.
- The successful drive for endowment funds conducted by the trustees this past year.
- A Bible Conference Oct. 9-16 of great spiritual inspiration and blessing.
- The excellent beginning of this school year, certainly the best in the last several years.
- Spiritual response of the College family as evidenced by interest in Toccoa Foreign Missions Fellowship conference, missionary prayer bands, and Christian Service Association opportunities.
- The generally high level spirit and attitude prevailing on the campus among students, staff, and faculty.
- Happy alumni homecoming in which a united spirit of support for the college was manifest.
- The good health of the college family this year.

With blessing also comes testing and problems. Other than the continuing need of spiritual victory and fruitfulness and a high level of morale on the campus, the major factor in the operation of the college is the need for a generous gift income to meet the financial needs of this year. As many of you know, some ten years ago Bryan borrowed approximately \$150,000 from its Christian supporters to aid in the construction of the main building.



Dr. Jaarsma leads discussions in faculty workshop on philosophy of education.

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Day of Prayer Notes

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These obligations call for some \$5,000 in interest payments annually through the plant fund, no small sum for us. One complicating factor is that some of the building notes are short term and demand, and just this fall we were called upon to redeem \$10,000 of these notes on a month's notice. Fortunately we were able to borrow this amount on a six-month's basis, but we need to pay off this obligation.

In addition, you have heard me speak of the "bugbear" of accounts payable. From time immemorial, Bryan has had to borrow from the then current year to pay the debts of the past year. A few years ago this obligation was reduced considerably so that in recent years it has hovered at the \$20,000-\$25,000 mark. In September of this year we had to take out of income from fall registration the sum of \$25,000 to pay for accounts from last year; last year it was the same story, and so on back year by year. This factor could be a life-and-death one if the country should really go into a recession with accompanying drop of income and gifts.

Furthermore, we have a very good friend in a business institution to which we owe and have owed for years a considerable sum for loans which were never intended to be but temporary. Reduced from \$35,000 four years ago, we still owe \$24,000 in this category. This needs to be paid, not only for the sake of this friend, but also to make room in the financial picture for some credit standing if it should be needed in an emergency.

Finally, we need in the fiscal year which began on July 1, some \$100,000 in normal operating gifts to meet the budget. This means that for each student who enrolls at Bryan we must raise upwards of \$600 per student to supplement the modest charges that he pays the college.

All of these obligations add up to some \$160,000 in gifts needed for the current year and also needed to put us in a reasonably safe position to stand a period of possible retrenchment. Please do not think that this is a panic call, for the trustees hold in the endowment fund sufficient securities to pay every obligation of this college and to satisfy every creditor. This year is going well; accreditation is before us; but the results of this year will be crucial. We have reached it seems a long worked for level, but we could slide back easily if we do not make this a banner year in business operation.

Last year, total gifts to the college exceeded \$300,000; and what we envision this year is just over half that amount. We have already felt the economic tightening however; and then too the friends who gave so generously last year simply cannot repeat such generosity annually. So will you pray with us for the following items:

- That the level of spiritual life and interest that has characterized the campus this year be maintained.
 - That the trustees may have wisdom in every decision affecting the life of the college.
 - That the administration and faculty by precept and example may operate the college and teach in a God-glorifying ministry.
 - That two Ph. D.'s may be secured for the faculty—one in English and one in history.
 - That every student may realize to the fullest extent possible the potential for true intellectual, spiritual, and physical development.
 - That the right contacts may be made to enlarge the student body.
 - That the resources of the College may be enlarged—praying friends, financial supporters, and gift income.
 - That money may be forthcoming for:
 - payment of the \$10,000 in plant notes for which a temporary loan has been secured;
 - general gifts for the year to reach \$100,000 for the current budget and go \$25,000 beyond to wipe out accounts payable;
 - additional gifts of \$34,000 to pay off other longstanding obligations; and
 - That the December Gifts for the King response may be blessed of God (we have set a goal of \$15,000, which is \$1,000 above last year.)
 - That every plan for Bryan will be the plan of God, as we realize that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."
- Send us your requests to reach us by November 17.

Seventy Students Teach Bible Classes, Visit In Community

The Christian Service Association is an active arm of the training program at Bryan which is directed this year by Miss Luella Loewen, head of the Christian Education department.

A special instruction class is provided for the forty-five students who go to ten county schools each week

for half-hour released time Bible classes. A closely graded series of Bible lessons provides a consecutive course of study year-to-year for approximately 1500 children receiving the instruction. Currently the hymn "How Great Thou Art" with illustrated song sheets is being used as a special theme in all the schools.

Miss Loewen is assisted by Miss Evelyn Robinson, a Christian Education student from Dayton who has served in the community as home demonstration agent and is well acquainted with the local schools and teachers.

Another branch of the Christian service program at Bryan is the conducting of seven weekly children's classes in private homes by fourteen student teachers with an average attendance of about a hundred children. At least six students visit the county jail each week and a similar group is concentrating on home visitation in the community of Morgantown.

To finance this ministry of Bryan students in the community, a total of at least \$500 is required each year for tracts, supplies and equipment, and traveling about 300 miles each week. To finance this cost, an offering is received monthly at a chapel service and friends from outside the College occasionally contribute. Much of this expense, however, is borne personally by the student car owners.

ATTENTION

Pastors Parents
and
Prospective Students

**Announcing the Third Annual
High School Guest Week End
to be held at Bryan College on
February 10-12.**

For this week end we invite prospective students to come to the campus for a sample of Bryan life at no expense to themselves other than transportation to and from the College. Make plans now to attend.

Reservations forms will be sent out to all prospective students immediately after Christmas. Send names of high school juniors and seniors whom you would like to have receive an invitation and reservation form.

Trustees Add New Member

Barry Whitney, cotton broker of Augusta, Georgia, was elected to the College Board of Trustees at the fall meeting on October 3. This brings to 26 the number of those serving on the Board of Trustees. Twenty of the twenty-five trustees were present for the meeting.

Student Council Entertains With Banquet and Concert

Big brothers and big sisters at Bryan entertained their freshmen or transferring little brothers and little sisters at a banquet November 5 in the college dining hall as a special project of the Student Council. Following the banquet an organ concert was given by Bene Hammel, an eighteen-year-old student of the University of Chattanooga. Young Hammel, whose musicianship has attracted considerable attention, is organist at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga and will appear in concerts this year in New York, Birmingham, and other major cities.

This year's Student Council began its activities during the summer by assigning new students as little brothers and sisters to returning students who corresponded with them and welcomed them when they came to Bryan.

The Student Council has stated as its purpose this year "to engender the bond of Christian love among the members of the student body" through its council meetings and through the weekly student body prayer meetings.



Taking an informal pose in the Lionette are Student Council representatives and officers from left to right as follows: (standing) John Roden, senior; and Mona Hyden, sophomore; (seated) Steve Snyder, freshman; Larry Bail, sophomore; Reva Jenkins, junior; Sandra Sorrell, secretary; John Rynders, president; Larry Hutchison, vice president; Shelby Skinner, senior, and Tseng Min Hsu, junior.

Faculty Workshop Develops Philosophy of Education

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educational aims and objectives of the College in a brief form which would be suitable for use in the catalog and which would serve as a basis for making out a more detailed blueprint for the academic life of the College. The following outline was developed:

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. History of higher education from Middle Ages to the present
- B. Survey of the current education in liberal arts colleges
- C. The relationship of Bryan as a Christian liberal arts college to the contemporary liberal arts scene

II. BASIC PHILOSOPHY

Premise: These assumptions and propositions are fundamental to the educational philosophy of Bryan College in achieving its purpose.

- A. We regard the Scripture as God's infallible Word written, and believe that it should be the center and the norm of all education because it is authoritative and speaks to the heart, the focal point of man's conscious existence.
- B. Although the Bible does not address itself to any area of learning in a systematic, scientific way, it does communicate to man as sinner saved by grace what he needs to know to live a God-glorifying life. In the course of this non-scientific communication, God gives us views of man and the world essential to understand scientific data in their organic relation to each other.
- C. We look upon cultural endeavor and the exploration of human knowledge not merely as a legitimate area of research and endeavor since we cannot escape it in this world but as a God-given mandate.
- D. We aim by education to develop the whole man in the utilization of his creative, moral, and spiritual resources. In this connection we recognize that man was created in the image of God, lost his full fellowship with God by sin, but is restored in Jesus Christ. Education contributes to the restoration of man in the service of God and man.
- E. We hold that the primacy of the Christian message in a Christian liberal arts college comes in the form of higher learning enlightened by the Word of God. We believe, therefore, that higher education is a responsibility of the Christian community.
- F. We recognize that God is sovereign in creation and history, and His sovereign purposes are revealed and centered in Jesus Christ for this life and for the establishment of the world to come.

III. ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES

Premise: We recognize that academic work is the major responsibility of the student. This cause of Christ is served well in higher learning when standards of excellence call forth the best of the college-level student.

- A. Objectives of General Education—a firm and broad foundation of learning.
 1. Knowledge of God and His special revelation as given in the Bible.

2. Knowledge of men and things
 - a. Of himself.

- b. Of the social environment.

- c. Of the physical environment.

3. Ability to communicate effectively through the use of language in reading, speaking, writing, and listening.

4. Appreciation of aesthetic values in our cultural studies.

5. Thinking critically and evaluatively.

IV. NON-ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES

- A. Christian life and character
- B. Standards of conduct
- C. Citizenship
- D. Health

In the months ahead, all these topics will be developed in a more detailed fashion in terms of the blueprint idea.



Ralph and Rebecca Toliver, Bryan's first foreign missionaries, are pictured with their children, Catherine and David beside them, and Ralph, Ruth, and Sylvia in the back row.

Missionary Honored As Alumnus of Year

The theme for the annual fall homecoming, "Bryan alumni serve," was appropriately emphasized by honoring Bryan's first foreign missionary, Ralph Toliver, '37 as "Alumnus of the Year" at the homecoming banquet.

In presenting a certificate to Mr. Toliver for this honor, Everett Boyce, vice president of the alumni association, reviewed the honoree's history as missionary with China Inland Mission and the commendation of his superiors for his devotion and high quality of missionary service.

The banquet speaker, Matt Prince, who is a pastor and lawyer from Knoxville, brought a challenge to alumni and students to serve with love in seeking to win for Christ the individuals with whom the Lord gives contact in the various walks of life.

To show how the 604 Bryan alumni graduates are now active in service, a display prepared for homecoming and open house attracted attention to the 25% serving as missionaries, 18% who are pastors, 20% in teaching, and 7% in other professions. Sixty percent of all these graduates have taken work on the graduate level.

One of the favorite homecoming traditions is the outdoor breakfast on Johnson's Bluff to which members of the senior class were invited this year. At the alumni luncheon on Saturday, Dr. Mercer presented an overall administrative view of Bryan and challenged the alumni to enter upon an aggressive program of recruiting students for the college. At the annual business meeting, it was agreed unanimously by the fifty or more alumni present to accept Dr. Mercer's challenge as the project for the year—both to seek new student contacts and also to help finance the program of advertising, student recruitment, and the alumni office expenses in a total amount of approximately \$8,500. This

project was accepted as reasonable in view of the fact the association raised over \$6,500 this year for the college endowment fund and certain other designated projects. In addition, the alumni contributed \$1,634 to the general funds of their alma mater.

60-61 Enrollment Analyzed

The enrollment analysis of the 227 students enrolled for first semester shows students from 25 states plus the District of Columbia and three foreign countries. Heading the list is Tennessee with 66 registrants, followed by Michigan (23); Pennsylvania (16); Ohio (15); Florida (13); and Kentucky and Texas (11 each).

The other representations are: Georgia, (9), Illinois (8); Indiana (7); North Carolina (6); New York, Virginia, and West Virginia (5 each); South Carolina (4); New Jersey (3); Alabama, District of Columbia, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin (2 each); Colorado, Iowa, Mississippi, and New Hampshire (1 each). Japan, India, and Nationalist China are each represented by one student.

The analysis of religious affiliation of all full-time students revealed five varieties of Baptists, numbering 91 (with Southern Baptists in the lead with 27), those from interdenominational churches next with 37; Methodist 24; and Presbyterians 15. Other denominations represented were I.F.C.A., Grace Brethren, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Church of God, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical Free Church, Evangelical United Brethren, Nazarene, Pentecostal Holiness, Reformed, and Seventh Day Adventist. Other Baptist groups represented besides Southern Baptists are American, Conservative, G.A.R.B., and independent.

Lions Set Winning Pace

The Bryan Lions have set a good record for intercollegiate sports this fall by defeating four out of six cross country teams and evening up one to one in touch football with Tennessee Temple College.

In the first cross country meet with Baylor Institute, two Bryan pacers broke the Institute's two mile course record by almost one minute with freshman Walt Reichner of Westville, N. J., finishing in 10 minutes, 17 seconds, and junior Bob Combs of West Alexandria, O., just two seconds behind.

The biggest victory for the Bryanites was the first defeat of the University of Tennessee on their course when only two of the opponents placed along with Bryan's first five finishers, for a final score of 22 to 33.

Bryan men took third place in a triangular meet with Berea College and Morehead State College but regained their speed to win in another threesome with Troy State College and Berry College.

The leading five men in addition to Reichner and Combs include freshmen Bill Venable from Rockmart, Ga., and John and Ken Roden, senior and junior brothers from Dorset, O.

Favorable responses to Bryan's annual invitational meet to be held November 19 on the four-mile course have been received from the following: Berea College, Morehead State College, Troy State College, Berry College, Baylor Institute, and McCallie Institute.

1960-61 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov.	12—Southeastern Christian College (Ky.)	Here
	25—Berry College (Ga.)	Here
	29—Shorter College (Ga.)	Here
Dec.	1—Martin College	Here
	3—Southeastern College (Ala.)	Here
	5—Snead College	There
	10—Marion Institute	Here
	12—Southern Union	Here
	15—University of Chattanooga	Here
	16—Southeastern Christian College	There
Jan.	7—Hiwassee College	Here
	12—Kentucky Christian	Here
	13—Cumberland University	There
	14—Martin College	There
	16—Hiwassee College	There
	21—Tennessee Temple College	There
	30—Walker College	There
	31—Southern Union College	There
Feb.	4—University of the South	There
	6—Cumberland University	Here
	14—Tennessee Temple	Here
	15—University of Chattanooga	There
	18—Snead College	Here
	24—Southeastern College	There
	25—Marion Institute	There
	27—Walker College	Here

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